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State Champs!



Pandemonium—and ecstasy—ensued when the Lady Buccaneers won the NJCAA Region XXII basketball tournament, earning a berth in the nationals in Maryland

Photos by Teresa Golson

March 14 is a highly anticipated date for the Lady Buccaneers. With the upsetting defeat of Northwest-Shoals in the state tournament, the Lady Buccaneers will be taking their place in the national junior college tournament in Maryland.

According to Coach Madonna Thompson, Shelton does not know as of yet who they will be playing or when. The only thing known for

sure is that the game begins March 15 at 2 p.m.

“We are really excited. This is the biggest win in Shelton State’s women’s basketball team ever,” said Thompson. The fact that the Lady Buccaneers beat a team undefeated on its home floor was a definite bonus.

The final score was 73-70, with Natisha Hardrick being named

MVP. Gennifer Meeks scored a game-high 25 points, Hardrick scored 19 points and Jennifer Whitehead scored 13 points.

So, what’s in store for the Lady Buccaneers for the next couple of weeks? According to Thompson, “They are going to take a couple of days off, then hit the weights and begin to work out and

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“Play Ball!”—at home...

By Brian Henry

The Shelton State Baseball team opened its 2000 season with a pair of doubleheader sweeps of Bevill State-Sumiton on Feb. 18 and 20.

In the season opener for both teams on Feb. 18, Shelton scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to win 6-0. The Buccaneers got RBI singles from sophomores Phillip Donaldson, Carlin Holman and Martin Jackson. Sophomore righthander Matt Moyer went six innings, struck out six and allowed just one hit. In the second game, sophomores Kyle Hammonds and Brad Sansom combined to shutout the Bears, 2-0.

Two days later the Buccaneers opened their new field in fine fashion with a pair of offensive exhibitions. The scoreboard wasn’t operational, but it sure would have helped the almost 200 spectators in attendance. The Shelton bats lit up four Bevill pitch-

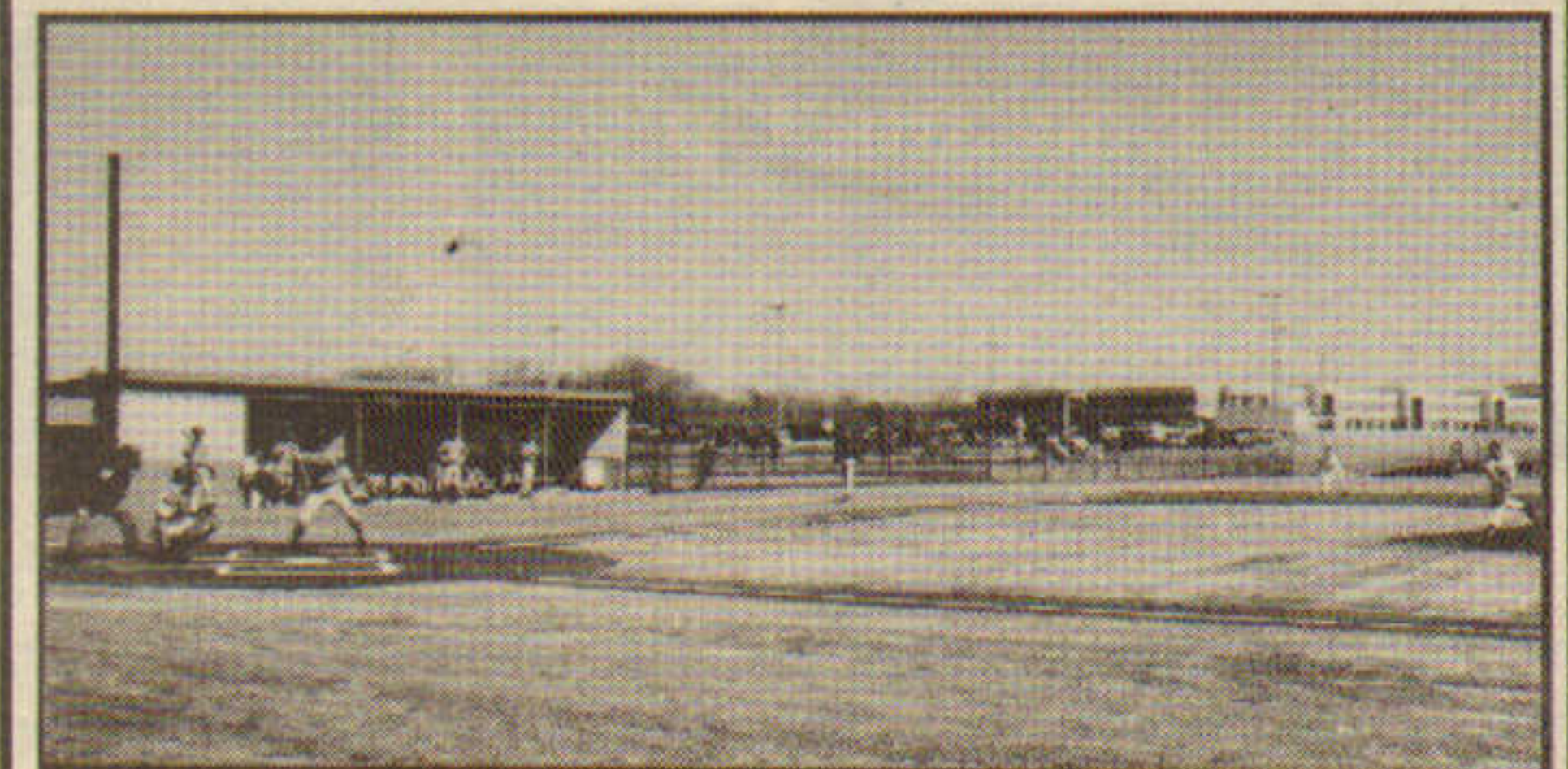
ers for 24 runs and 25 hits in just over 10 innings.

In the first game, a 15-3 Shelton triumph, sophomore Nate Rogers single-handedly dismantled the Bears with four hits, two runs and three RBI. His fourth hit of the game was a 385-foot frozen rope that cleared the left-centerfield fence and completed the cycle for the Tampa, Fla., native.

“I have never hit for the cycle before,” Rogers said, smiling. “It is pretty exciting to do it in the first game here, and to know I hit the first home run at our new field.”

In game two, sophomore righthander Matt Fields got his first win of the season by allowing one unearned run and striking out three in four innings of work. After collecting just one hit in the first three innings, the Buccaneer bats awoke for 10 hits and 10 runs en route to an 11-1 win. Rogers had two doubles and scored twice. He

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Historic Pitch! Philip Donaldson delivers the first pitch (a ball, high) to the first batter at Shelton new ball field

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Spring Break 2000: What can you expect from Panama City?

First of a Two-Part Series—and for
another point of view, check out the
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By Amy Bice

Spring break is almost here and college students are scrambling to make those last minute plans. If this sounds familiar, you’re in luck. According to the Internet, the number one U.S. destina-

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Spring Break 2000



Try Spring Break the better, and cheaper, way

By Russell Frost

It has almost arrived. That time of year that we students all look forward to. You know what I'm talking about. It's Spring Break time.

I know what's probably going through your mind: Fun, Sun and Surf. Over the years, those words have become synonymous with spring break. We hear "spring break" and our minds instantly fill with visions of warm sand, bright blue skies and glistening bodies. So since we all know about it, why not try something different?

Picture this

It's late in the evening when you finally arrive. You pull up at the front office and go in to pay for the cabin you reserved the week before. After filling out a postcard worth of paperwork, the attendant gives you the key and directions.

You open the front door and turn on the light to experience for the first time where you will be staying for the next few days.

It's wonderful: fully equipped with everything from full kitchen facilities such as a stove and refrigerator to separate bedrooms and a private bath. You and your three friends get unpacked and settled in, deciding to watch a little cable TV before turning in.

You slowly thumb through the brochure you picked up at the front desk, trying to figure out what exactly it is you want to do first. You discuss it as a group and finally decide on hiking. Maybe you'll play some golf in the afternoon.

The next morning you awaken early and resolve to enjoy a few moments of solitude. You quietly enter the kitchen area and start a pot of coffee. You glide out to the front porch to get a better look at your surroundings.

Stunning. That's the first word that comes coherently to mind. You slowly scan the landscape around you. Wildflowers of rich yellows, blues, and whites gallantly protrude from the forest floor. You can hear a stream just off in the edge of the woods bubbling along its merry way. You find the pureness of it breathtaking.

By this time the smell of fresh coffee has aroused your fellow breakers. You walk back inside and discover them pattering around in their own sleep ridden states. After several cups of coffee everyone seems alert enough to venture out into the world.

As your group heads toward the hiking trails, you notice other visitors getting ready for their own day. You pass a canoe lying on its side in someone's campsite. Then you pass another group getting out their golf clubs making sure everything is in order. Next, is a family getting their fishing rods out while their father checks the boat. Abruptly you realize just how much there is to do and how seemingly little time.

You begin your hike on a 3-mile intermediate trail that rises up and over one of the summits surrounding you. You walk about 300 yards in and round a bend in the trail when all of a sudden there she is. Not 15 yards from where you stand is a doe browsing just off the side of the trail. She notices you at about the same time that you notice her so she only stands still long enough for you to take a good look before she bounds off into the forest. Your heart is pounding with exhilaration and your only thought is "what a rush."

After collecting yourselves you continue your hike and shortly thereafter you enter an opening. As you gaze about you realize that you've acquired the summit of your trail. Looking out across the valley, it seems that you can see for miles. Then you all decide that this looks like a great place for lunch.

After lunch and a roll of film on the first trail alone you achieve two more summits by the end of the day, each one grander than the one before. You all decide to head back to the cabin to

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"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



Three Beautiful Planets

During the month of March, we are fortunate to have three outstanding planets in the western sky after sunset! From the western horizon upward along the ecliptic, they are Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn!

To find these three gems in the night time sky, simply note the spot on the horizon where the sun sets, and they will appear in a perfect straight line about thirty minutes later. Jupiter the middle one will be the brightest, and Saturn will be about ten degrees above it. Mars is about twenty degrees

below Jupiter and is noted by its red color. From the top to the bottom of your out-stretched fist is approximately ten degrees, so Saturn is one fist above Jupiter and Mars two below. Planets travel on the ecliptic plane, so the three will be in a straight line. Also, you will note that being planets they do not twinkle as stars do.

The reason that Jupiter is so bright is due to its size—it is the largest planet in our Solar System. Saturn is second in size to Jupiter, and they are both huge, gaseous planets. They are primarily made

of hydrogen, and along with Uranus and Neptune make up the four gas giant or Jovian planets.

Mars on the other hand is smaller than Earth and is hard and rocky, and along with Earth, Venus, and Mercury make up the four terrestrial planets. The red color of Mars comes from iron on its surface that has oxidized to form ferric oxide or what we commonly call rust.

Get outside, enjoy the great weather, and keep looking up! Be sure to catch the spectacular show of these three magnificent planets.

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continue to build. My main concern is not letting them get out of shape."

The championship game was a heart-stopping affair, with the Lady Buccaneers grabbing a 24-12 lead nine minutes into the game and desperately trying to hang on against a highly ranked, favored team on its home court. Northwest-Shoals missed three three-pointers in the final 17 seconds, any of which would have sent the game into overtime.

Justifiably, Thompson was worried about the up-tempo play of the Patriots. "We were concerned all week with the way Coach Ward has her team playing so fast. It's a track meet. We told them to bring their running shoes because that is what Northwest-Shoals does.... They try to beat you back."

Northwest-Shoals (25-8) had beaten Shelton twice earlier in the season.

The Buccaneers are now 17-14 on the season.

It was key offensive

play from Shelton combined with uncharacteristically poor shooting from the Patriots which helped the Buccaneers pull off the upset. "We just couldn't get the ball in the basket," said Northwest-Shoals Coach Kristy Ward.

A jubilant Coach Thompson talked to reporters and supporters after the game in sopping wet clothes. "They ruined my pants," she said, smiling at the players who had dunked her with the contents of a water cooler. But she didn't seem too upset. "This team worked so hard this year," she said.



Shelton's Natisha Hardrick was named MVP of the state tournament

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tion for college students on spring break lies in your backyard. Affectionately referred to as the "Redneck Riviera," Panama City Beach is a mere 300 miles from Tuscaloosa.

After a short four-hour drive, you will find yourself basking in the sun on part of Panama City's 27 miles of sugary white beaches. Also known as the Emerald Coast, Panama City's beaches are considered among some of the world's most beautiful beaches.

After a hot day of sun, students head for the showers to get ready for the night life. Panama City boasts some fabulous night life as home to two of the largest nightclubs in the United States.

Spinnaker Beach Club and Club La Vela are located next to one another on the strip. So, if you decide you want a change of scenery, just walk next door. Club La Vela is the largest nightclub in the U.S. and offers eight different clubs under one roof. Both clubs keep you entertained with contests and

concerts, day and night. Although both of these clubs allow students 18 years old and above to enter, this is not the policy of all clubs in Panama City.

However, as in all states, Florida's legal drinking age is 21 years of age. Panama City Beach also has an open container law that is fully enforced. For those of you who do find yourself in the company of PCB's finest, they have started a system just for spring breakers. Spring Break Court was started a few years ago for those who insist on breaking the rules during their break.

Traffic is a challenge in itself. Most of the popular places, for night life are on 'the strip.' Front Beach Road is usually jammed with people as early as 6 p.m. "The streets are so crowded with tons of people... There are cops everywhere. Be prepared to sit for long periods," reported one University of Alabama student on the Internet. Students ride back and forth to check out one another and just plain show off. So, if you have plans and want to be on time, you might want to think about leaving your hotel about two hours early, or at least before the rush begins.

Panama City's weather is well

suited for all the activities mentioned. The mean high temperature for spring break is 73-76 degrees. The low for spring break is 55-58 degrees. Aware of this, you should consider taking a sweater. The water could be a little chilly with the average temperature being 63-70 degrees.

If you want a spring break hotel package to Panama City, you and three of your friends can stay seven nights for as little as \$159 per person. However, keep in mind that this does not include the damage deposit and in some hotels, no one under 21 can check-in without an adult.

Along with the promise of good times at a moderate price, Panama City Beach extends the warm hospitality of the South.

"It was relaxing, fun, invigorating, warm, tropical...and worth every single penny," reported one female student from the University of Wisconsin on the Internet.

"I didn't meet one person who wasn't friendly," reported an Auburn student to the Web. "I am definitely going back for Spring Break 2000."

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How many times did the mugs clink?

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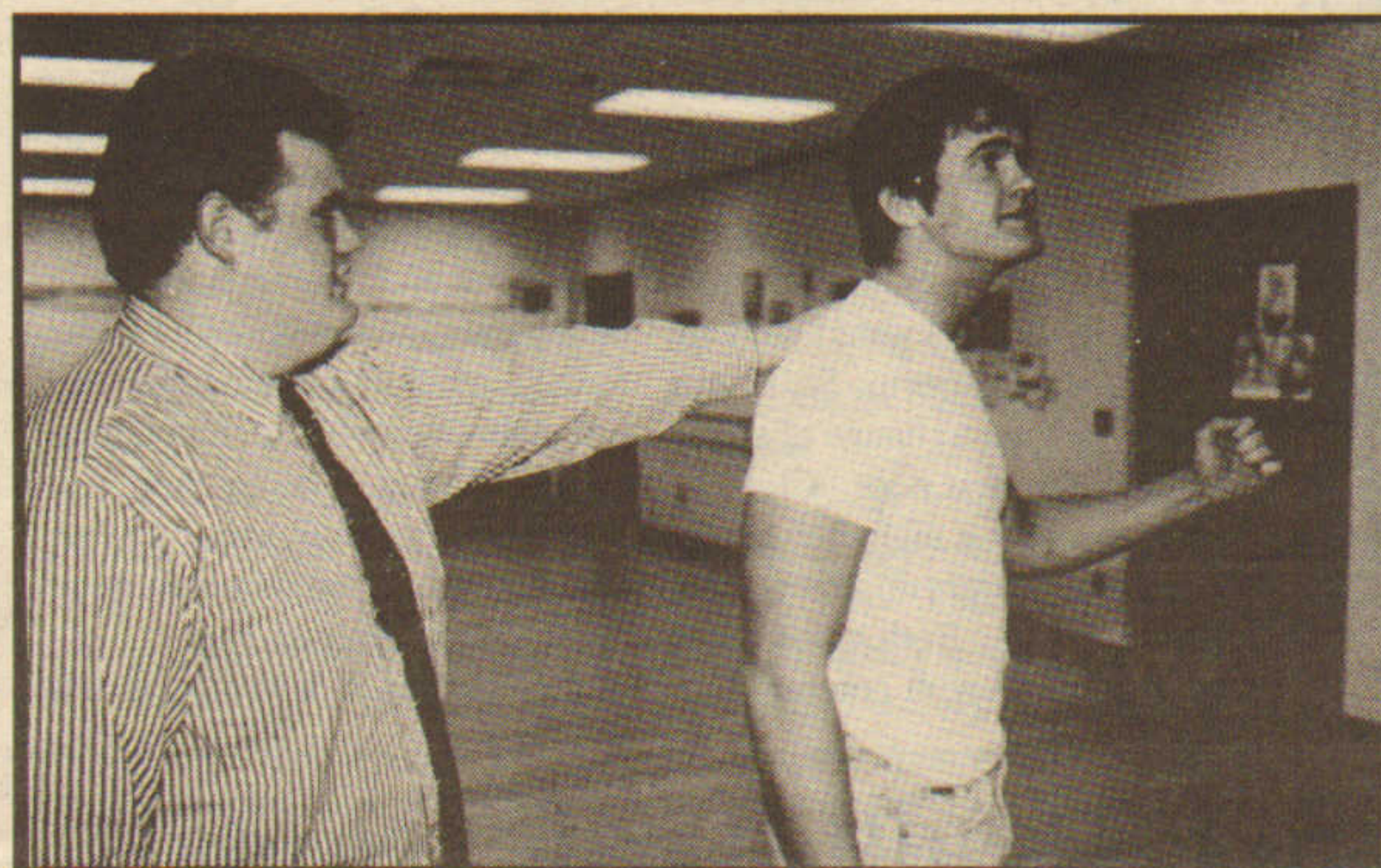
Spring training comes for actors, singers, dancers and those *Damn Yankees*

By Jessica Smith

Spring training is underway for major league baseball team. Shelton State's Buccaneers have a brand new baseball field for this season. Shelton State's theatre department has gone into training for its spring musical, *Damn Yankees*. With all this baseball in the air, *Damn Yankees* is sure to be a hit.

The show is a collaboration among the music, theatre, and dance departments.

Louise Crofton, a ballet teacher at Shelton, is the dance instructor for the musical. Crofton was born in Yorkshire, England, and trained at the Royal Academy of Dancing in London. This isn't the first time Crofton has helped stage *Damn Yankees*, which played at the Bama Theatre in



Randy Shoemaker and Tyler Jolly practice a dance routine for *Damn Yankees*

downtown Tuscaloosa. Crofton's dance tutelage was also seen in Shelton's 1999 spring musical *Cinderella*.

"This is an interesting experience for a ballet instructor. I have done the show before, but a very long time ago. There are a lot of musical numbers, and I'm working

with actors who have very little dance experience, so that makes it extremely challenging. It's definitely a

very different process than putting together a dance recital," said Crofton.

Although nine of the cast members in the show are a part of Theatre Tuscaloosa's production of *Man of La Mancha*, which runs until March 5, rehearsals are still underway. "We are predominately focusing on music, dance numbers, and smaller scenes. We are doing a reverse way of how you normally do a musical because of the numerous people in *La Mancha*. I'm looking forward to getting on to big numbers," said Michael Carr, director of *Damn Yankees*.

Amanda Sullivan, a theatre major at Shelton, is the Stage Manager for *Damn Yankees*. She was last seen in the fall production of *The Crucible* as Elizabeth Proctor. "It's been a great experience so far. I really enjoy seeing the other side of theatre and how it works. It's fun to be a part of the technical aspect of a show. We have a great cast," said Sullivan.

Rehearsals aren't always fun and games. Putting together a show takes a lot of time and dedication

from everyone involved. Rehearsals can be nerve-wracking and stressful when it comes to having to remember lines, music, and dance steps all at once. "I don't have stage fright, but have found it interesting to see how terrifying doing a show can be," said Jim Kenny, portraying the role of Van Buren. Kenny recalls a rehearsal where he was performing a song and got through it fine the first time, but the second time could not remember the opening words because he was so worried about notes and dancing. "You think you know it and then you don't," said Kenny.

Although rehearsals and being in a show prove to be a little tedious, most actors find it as a truly rewarding experience. "It's interesting to see how a show is broken down. I recommend this experience to everyone. Michael Carr is very professional, and gives you a taste and an inside look of how to work in this business professionally," said Kenny.

Damn Yankees will open on April 12 and run through the 16th at the Bean-Brown theatre. Write these dates down on your date book because you won't want to miss this all-star cast in action.

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Shelton's United Way effort earns Chairman's award

By Kim Eaton

Shelton was presented with the United Way's Chairman Award, which is an award presented to organizations and companies who had significant increase during the 1999 campaign, according to Beth Melton, United Way's campaign director.

Shelton "did a fantastic job last year," said Melton, "with a goal of \$8651, but a contribution of \$9585.14 which was almost 11% over their original goal." The total number of contributors was 81, with the average gift being \$118.34 per contributor. According to Bill Aldridge, Shelton's campaign coordinator, "Shelton State for several years has exceeded its goal, even though the new goal is always set above the prior year's



United Way campaign Director Beth Melton congratulates Bill Aldridge for spearheading the college's giving effort

pledge."

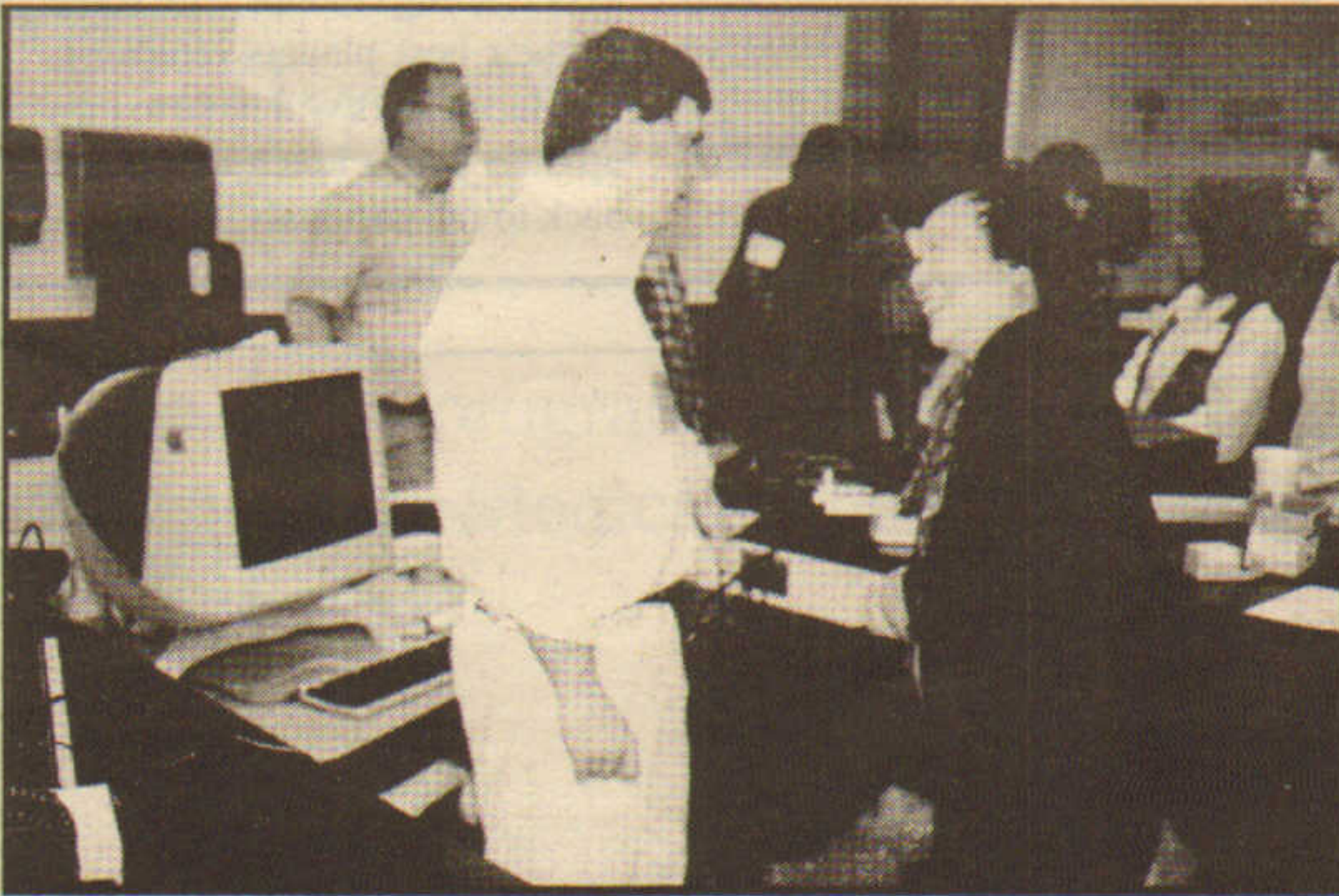
There are several ways to contribute to the campaign. You can give either by check, cash, payroll deduction or direct billing from United Way. For a \$1 contribution, 90 cents goes to member agencies, 6 cents goes for administration and 4 cents goes for cam-

paign costs. Shelton State has participated in the United Way campaign drive every year with Aldridge heading it up for at least six of those years. There has been a considerable amount of improvement since 1995 with the number of givers that year being 66 and the average per giver being \$58.

"Gifts and pledges from our employees have increased significantly over the past few years," said Dr. Rick Rogers, assistant

to the president and also on the Board of Directors of United Way. "We appreciate the generosity of our employees and especially the leadership of Bill Aldridge. We are also very proud of our partnership with United Way."

Dr. Fang glad to get her iMacs



Chuen-Chuen Fang chats with Alen Brown at Shelton State's Science Workshop, a demonstration of the usage of the new software, "DataStudio," held Feb. 25 using the new physics department i-Macs. Brown, a Southeastern representative of PASCO Scientific, spoke on mechanics, electricity, magnetism and optics. This demonstration was intended for all Science and Math teachers at the middle school, high school and college levels.

Prez Watch '00

By Chris Bunn

The Issues...

What are the presidential candidates about? Referring to abortion Bradley says, "I believe that the decision whether or not to terminate a pregnancy is a private one between her and her doctor." Bradley also says, "My support for a woman's right to choose, regardless of economic circumstance, is clear, resolute and unwavering, and it has never changed during all my years in public life."

If you want to know Gore's stance on abortion, read Bradley's statement. Gore says, "A woman's right to choose is fundamental. That decision should be made by the woman, in consultation with those she trusts."

The Republican candidates, of course, take the opposite side of the argument. Bush says, "I support the proposal of a Human Life Amendment with exceptions for rape, incest and to save the life of the mother."

McCain says, "Roe vs. Wade should be overturned and abortion should be illegal except in the cases of rape, incest and when the life of the mother is in danger." This statement is almost identical to that of Bush.

The gun control issue is almost the same story. Bradley thinks there may be some circumstances for a few "law-abiding citizens" to be eligible for concealed gun permits. He believes, "concealed weapons should be the exception rather than the rule."

Gore basically thinks the same way. He wants the restrictions on guns to be as strict as possible "without imposing on the rights of law-abiding hunters and home owners."

Bush thinks law-abiding citizens who pass background checks and proficiency tests should "be able to protect themselves and their families." And McCain thinks law-abiding citizens carrying guns is within the law as stated by the constitution.

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wash off some of the dust and after a good shower everyone begins to think about dinner. Decisions, decisions. Should you cook the Dinty Moore Beef Stew that you brought from home, or should you go to the restaurant in the resort and order yourself a nice big juicy New York Strip. Really not much of a choice, is it? After a delicious dinner you and your compatriots head back to the cabin for an early turn in.

Sound pretty good? This is only the first day and you have hardly begun to experience all that is offered. And the best part is you don't even have to go out of state. This can all be found in Alabama's state parks. Four people have gone on a vacation for the price of two at the beach—with all the luxuries of home.

There are 24 state parks

scattered throughout Alabama. Activities range from golf and tennis to hiking and canoeing. Over half have cabins designed for anywhere from 2-8 people priced at around \$70 a night and 6 of those offer resort type settings at around \$50 for a double room. Many even have restaurants on the park grounds for those of us who don't like to cook much, especially on vacation. One of the parks is even located on the beach for those of us who just can't let go.

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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Buccaneers believe they are ready

By Dave Dearman

"March Madness" is upon us, and the Shelton State Buccaneers are primed and ready to go. "I think the boys are ready and they are anxious to play," commented Coach Barry Mohun, while preparing for the playoffs.

The Men's Alabama Junior Community College Conference Tournament will be held March 1-4 in Wadley. This single elimination tournament will feature the top community colleges vying for the title of state champions. The winner of this tournament will move onto the nationals held in Kansas.

The Buccaneers had a breakthrough season, going 17-11, with a conference record of 9-7. These quality numbers have been attributed to everything from great coaching to strong sophomore leadership. But manager Derek "Country" Brecheisen has a different take.

"I believe that the guys are finally playing like a team. They have formed as a unit."

Even with a commendable record, the men's road woes have never ended. This does not bode well for the team since all of the games in the tournament are on different courts. The last time the Bucs played in Wadley, the game went into overtime. The players are confident that they have an advantage here because of their past games, and believe they can win the three games needed to own the championship.

The team has had great success in the past six games and they have proved to their opponents they deserve a shot at the title. The team has been a scoring machine in the past few games with Roderick Montgomery making 17 three pointers, Rodney Bias with a double-double (average of 15 points and 12 rebounds) in each game, and Daniel

Ike averaging 18.6 points per game.

Along with strong starters the men have a strong bench that has saved the day in many games.

Break out performances from Brandon Vaughn, Jason Meads, and other four bench players will be greatly depended upon since these games are for all the marbles.

For many of the players, this will be a last chance opportunity to win the championship. Terrell Adamson, Daniel Ike, Ashanti McDonald, Jason Meads, Roderick Montgomery, Richard Smith, and Brandon Vaughn were honored at the last home game and hope to bring the title back to Shelton.

A very confident Coach Mohun recently said, "This team is very skilled and in many ways have learned the system expected here better than last year's team. All around, I think we have a strong team, and will have a strong showing in the tournament."

Champion golf squad not yet in swing

By Casey Metcalf

The defending national champion Buccaneer golf team got off to a fair start Feb. 7-8, coming in second in their opening spring tournament in Rockledge, Fla. They lost to the host school on its home course.

Golfers Danny Germaine, Chris Jones and Adam Harris finished in the top five and made the all-tournament team. Germaine finished with a score of 221, while James and Harris both ended with a score of 222.

The visit to Panama City, Fla. on Feb. 28-29 was no walk in the sunshine or day at the beach either. The champs shot an unbelievably poor 325 the first day, with Buccaneer All-America Danny Germaine coming in at an astronomical 85. Chris Jones also produced an 85, and Bryant West

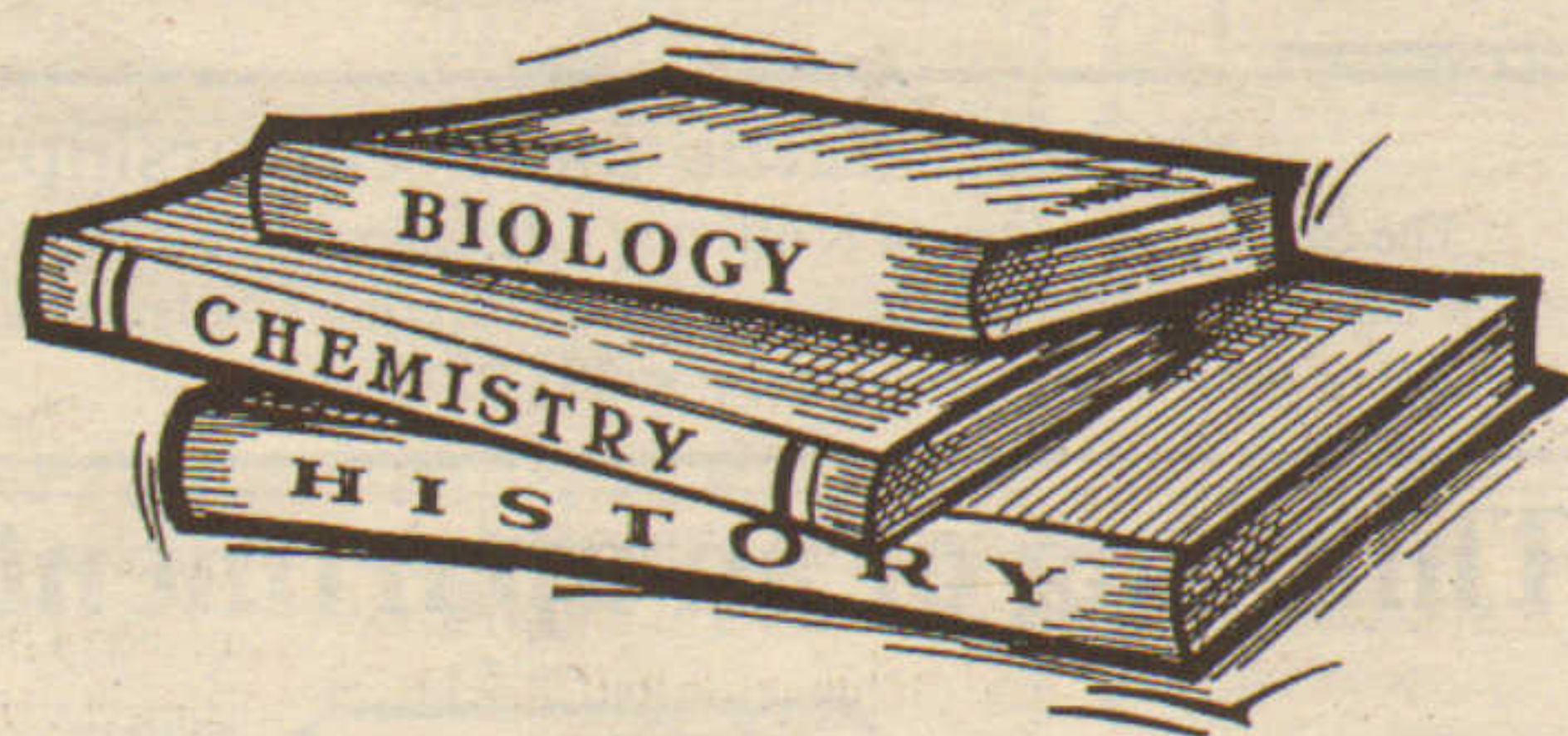
came up with what was surely the highest round of his competitive career, a fat 97.

The squad played the treacherous Hombre Course better the second day, but still had four rounds in the 80s. Nick Bamber seemed to be the only Sheltonian to figure out the course, cruising to a nifty 73.

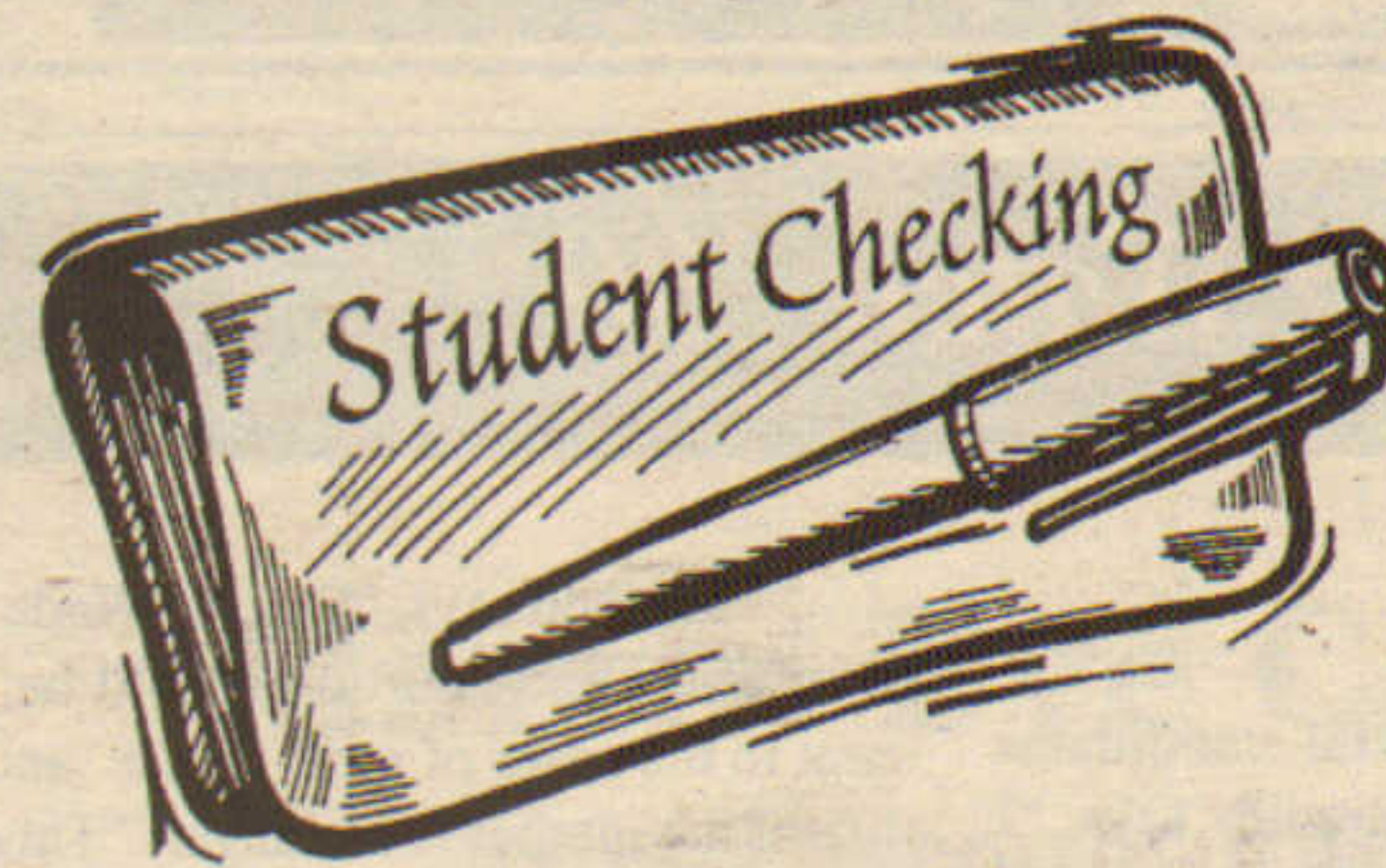
"What can I say?" uttered a shell-shocked coach, Matt Terry. We just played like ----. And you can quote me on that. You better say doo-doo for the paper."

With all its poor play, the team still managed to pick up one place on the final day and come in tied for third. However, as defending champs with some of their best players returning, the Buccaneers will have to turn up their play a notch to make it back to the nationals.

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Shelton softball team wins big game early

By Chris Byington

The Shelton State softball team got its 2000 season underway last week as they played host to Central Alabama on Feb. 18, and then played host to Jeff Davis on Feb. 24.

Shelton split a doubleheader with Central Alabama, dropping the first game 12-2, then winning a close one in the second game 3-2. Central Alabama came in ranked first in the state, and their pitcher was ranked second in the nation.

Coach Dixie Terry said, "We were very excited to get a win against Central [Alabama]. In the first game we came out a little flat, but in the second game we came together on defense and pulled out a good team win."

The Lady Buccaneers also split a doubleheader against Jeff Davis. Shelton won the first game 3-2 getting all of their runs in the sixth inning. "We've been hitting well lately, but we've also been stranding a lot of runners" says Terry. Jennifer McCurdy got the

win, notching three strikeouts with one walk.

The Lady Buccaneers then lost the second game 11-2. "Jeff Davis got a string of base hits together, and our defense just wasn't clicking" Terry said. Jennifer McCurdy was injured against Jeff Davis, and should be out of action for the next one to two weeks.

Shelton, now 2-4, hosts Northwest Shoals on March 2 at 1 p.m. "We would love to see more Shelton students come out to the games and cheer us on," says Terry. April Montgomery, who plays shortstop, added, "We play better when we have fans making noise for us, especially students."

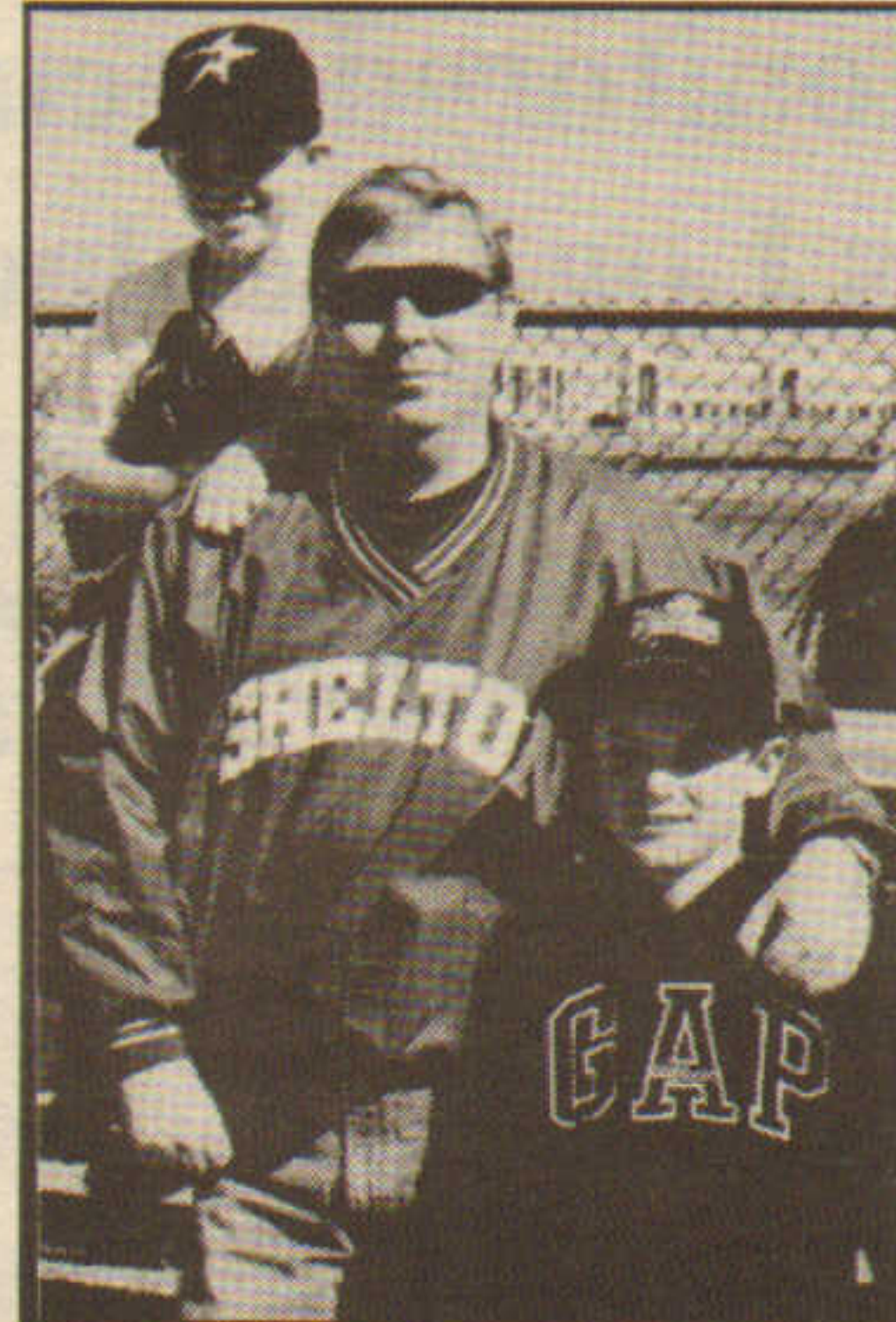
Assistant Coach Jennifer Johnson said that "the crowd at the Central game was good, but not many students came."

Shelton students are urged to come out and support our softball team. Admission is free, and the home games are currently played at Bowers Park. The college is working on a field for the Lady Buccaneers next to the new Shelton baseball field.

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reached base in seven of his eight plate appearances on the day.

"When we played (on Friday), it wasn't a real good day to hit and we didn't swing the bats real well," sixth-year head coach Bobby Sprowl said. "In today's first game, I thought we were sloppy. In the second game we competed better and played a better game."



To the Ballyard—Rick Rogers, assistant to the president at Shelton, takes in the first on-campus game with his son Bryant (L) and Bryant's friend Chase Fields

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What's happenin' with clubs at Shelton State this year?

Four members of Shelton State's Circle K spent a great weekend in Birmingham at the District Circle K Convention. (L to R) Natasha Williams, Samantha Hastings, Kim Eaton and Tony Humphries participated in workshops and lectures in an effort to learn more about Circle K. Included in this weekend was a service project that took place at Oak Mt. State Park and consisted of planting many trees in an area that was destroyed by pine beetles and drought. It was an invigorating experience and these four members had a blast! Last but not least, was the awards banquet. Shelton did not receive any awards, but that's only because they were not yet chartered. It won't happen next year though!



Baptist Campus Ministries



If you are interested in Bible studies and a chance to fellowship with students who share your same interests, Baptist Campus Ministries is the place for you.

Meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in front of the meeting rooms in the food court area. If anyone has any interest in BCM, contact Jennifer Young, the student minister.

Any other clubs wishing its news in the paper should contact the Courier at 391-2406.



Circle K has a number of fun and interesting things planned for this semester. All semester Circle K members can read to children in the Child Development Center from 9 - 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

March 18 is the Pancake Day sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. It will be held at Central East from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. If anyone is interested see a Circle K member for a ticket. They are \$3.

The fourth Wednesday of every month, members will be at the Salvation Army's Fun Night, playing games with children age 6-15 years.

If anyone is interested, meetings are Wednesdays at 12:15 in room 1413. Please come ... we would love to have you.



Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary society for two-year colleges. The qualifications needed include a GPA of 3.5 or better in a total of at least 12 semester hours.

March 9 at 2 p.m. is the spring orientation. March 16 at 2 p.m. will be spring initiation.

On March 14, representatives from U of A will be in the atrium from 9 a.m. - noon.

PTK is also participating in the "Read Across America Day," on March 2, where Shelton students, faculty and staff can read to children in the CDC.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of Phi Theta Kappa, please see either Brenda Ryan, Linda Grote or Tracy Branch.

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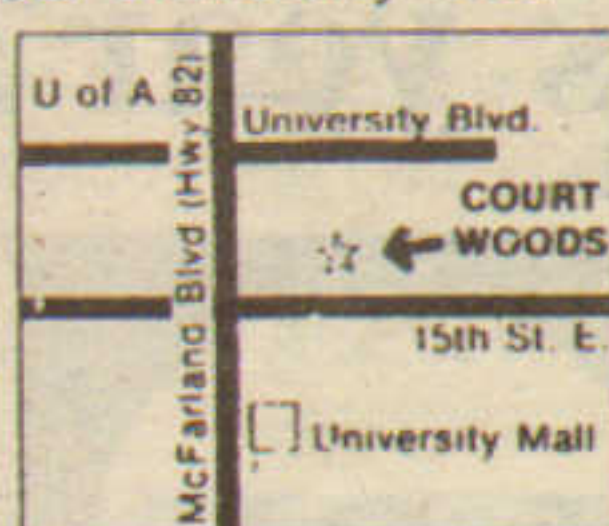


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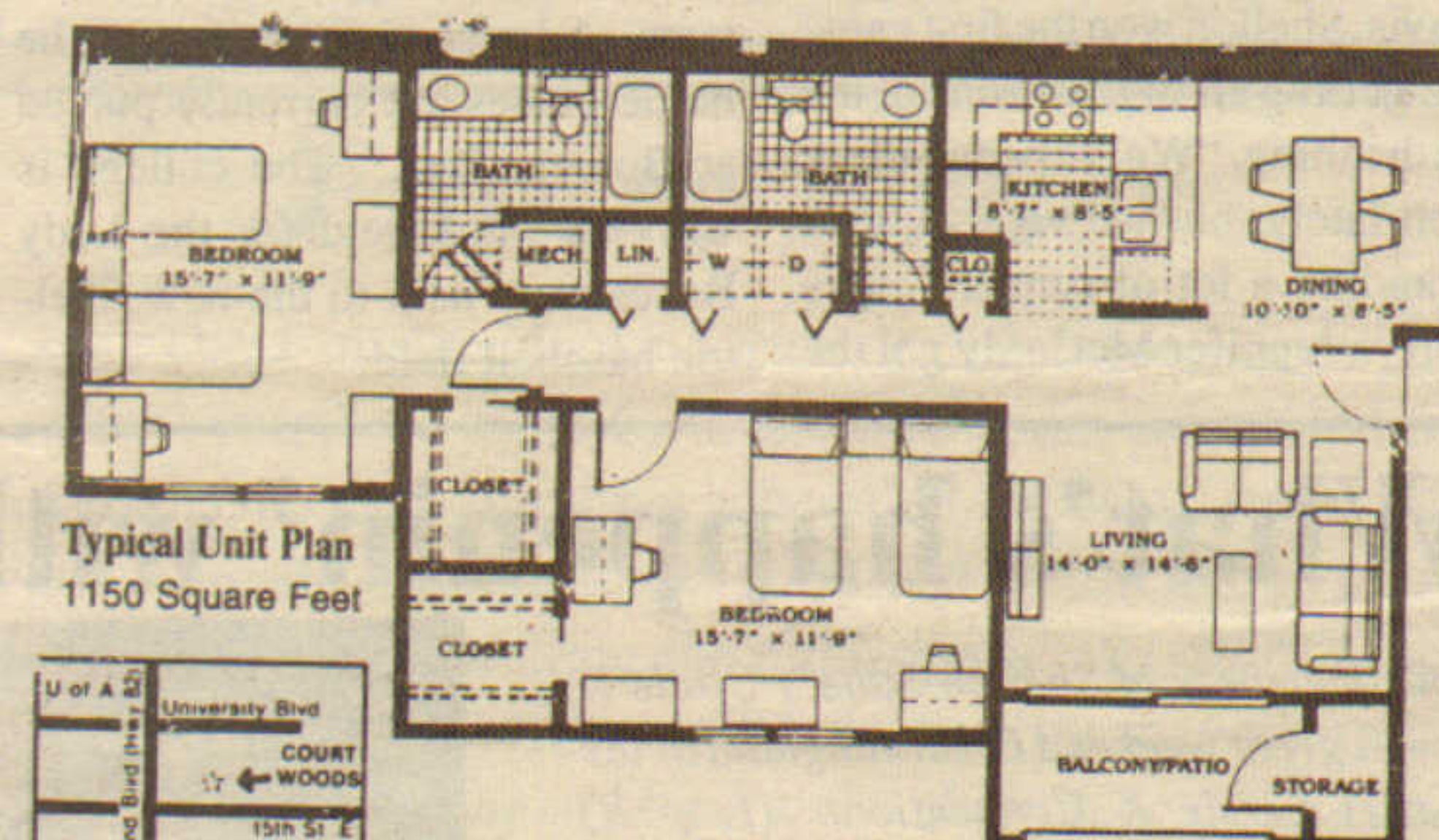
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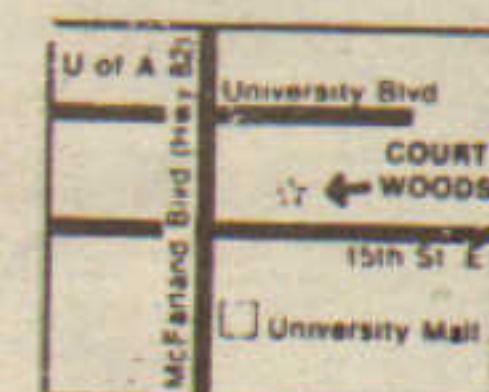
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